

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to be in better form for U.S. practice. An Abstract has also been added on a separate page. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 13-25 will be pending. Entry of the above amendments prior to examination of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

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